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I. Reading Section (15 marks)

Read this conversation taken from an online forum for tourists visiting Japan.

I've been on Okinawa for about a year and I am just looking for some things to do. If you have been to Okinawa, feel free to list a couple things that I should make sure I check out before I leave. Thanks!

Tony

If you've been on Oki for a year, it's hard to believe you haven't seen all the sights. But just in case: Hokuzan Castle in the north, Nakagusuku Castle, the royal palace at Shuri, Himeyuri no To, and a number of seldom visited castle ruins in the south like Nanzan. And I understand that there are a number of places to visit on the peninsula (which I can't remember the name of) that juts out to the west north of Shuri and Kadena.

Tay

Visit as many of the outlying islands as you can, make it a personal goal to visit every one in Okinawa-ken. I've been here for two years and only recently visited Okinawa World for the first time - sure it was super touristy but a fun afternoon all the same.

Another favorite activity is to just drive....leave the map and GPS behind and pick a road, stop at anything interesting and keep going. You can't get lost. It's not that big of an island! You'll be surprised by what you discover that won't be in any guide book.

Kate

Great ideas. I think next weekend I'm gonna fill up my tank and drive. Maybe check out one of the castles.

Tony

1. What's Tony's reason for participating in the online forum? (1 mark)

Are the following statements true or false? If they are false, re-write them so that they're true.
(5 marks)

2. Tay is surprised that Tony hasn't visited all the tourist attractions in Okinawa.
3. Nanzan is a very old castle on the south of the island, but few tourists visit it.
4. Kate didn't like Okinawa World because it was too touristy.
5. According to Kate, you don't need a map or a guide book of Okinawa Island to go for an interesting drive.
6. Tony decides to take Kate's advice, but he ignores Tay's ideas.

Read the article and do the activities.

Smart New World of Digitoys

By Lucas van Grinsven, European Technology Correspondent

AMSTERDAM Sat Nov 13 (Reuters) - Jes Overmaat, a mother of five, thought she had bought a sweet old-fashioned Teddy bear for a present, when it suddenly started talking.

"It's tough to buy normal toys these days," sighs Overmaat, who bakes her own bread and tries to avoid buying plastic toys.

Toy land is digitizing. Enter any toy store, especially the big retail chains, and you are met by walls of staring, talking, moving and responding dolls.

Hot sellers this holiday season are plush kittens, cubs and pandas that need to be pampered and bottle fed.

Four-year-old Liv from The Hague just got a FurReal "Luv Cub" and needs to hug it to get its attention. Her mother is fascinated by the Hasbro product and recommends it to friends as a gift suggestion.

"They're selling extremely well. Smart toys have really broken into the preschool age group," says Val Stedham, a toy store owner in Newmarket, England.

Smart toys came onto the market around five years ago, but Moore's Law of exponentially increasing computer power means manufacturers can put a lot more sensors, processors and memory into **a plaything** for the same amount of money, toy retailers say.

In the upcoming winter holiday season, when 50 percent of all toys are typically purchased, a Pooh bear cub from Mattel-owned Fisher-Price that walks toward your child when called sells for \$25. Hasbro's FurReal plush animals start at a mere \$13, rising to \$30 or \$50 for more functions.

"We're pushing the boundaries all the time. An awful lot of toys are cheaper now than they were five or even 10 years ago," Stedham says.

VIDEO GAMES CHANGE EVERYTHING

One reason for the \$20 billion a year U.S. toy industry becoming 'smarter' is that the video games generation is **casting a shadow over** traditional toys. Boys ages 5 to 12 spend more time playing video games than with each of the traditional toy categories, market researcher NPD Group found.

Toy categories that are being most threatened are action figures, building sets, games, puzzles and cars. Manufacturers need to put the power of video games in traditional toys, says analyst Michael Redmond at NPD.

Interactive toys maker LeapFrog is one of the companies which has used the availability of cheap computing power to create educational toys. It is one of the reasons learning and exploration toys are the only two categories that are not under pressure from increasing popularity of video games.

But many other toy makers are just using technology to rev up old-style toys with some motion and speech. Some industry watchers reckon it will only be a matter of time before all toys will have an electronic component.

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Answer the following questions about the article. (6 marks)

7. What kind of toys does Jes Overmaat wish she could buy?
8. What is a smart toy?
9. Give two examples of traditional toys mentioned in the article. (2 marks)
10. Why do manufacturers feel the need to make smart toys?
11. What kind of toys does LeapFrog make?

Look at the phrases taken from the article. Choose the best definition for the underlined words or phrases. (3 marks)

12. Hot sellers this holiday season are plush kittens, cubs and pandas ...
a. parents with money b. traditional vacation gifts c. popular toys
13. ... manufacturers can put a lot more sensors, processors and memory into a plaything ...
a. a computer b. a toy c. a gadget
14. ... the video games generation is casting a shadow over traditional toys.
a. making dark b. preventing the success of c. promoting

II. Use of English Section (20 marks)

Re-write these sentences using passive verb forms. (5 marks)

Example: They show a new film every week.

A new film is shown every week.

15. The police haven't found the missing child.

The missing child _____

16. They should nominate him for an Oscar.

He _____

17. I'd like people to remember my achievements.

I'd like _____

18. He can't stand it when people laugh at him.

He can't stand _____

19. They'll present the awards on Saturday.

The awards _____

Fill in the gaps with the correct preposition. (3 marks)

Example: I put \$1,000 into my account yesterday.

20. My brother is planning to buy his new computer _____ credit.

21. I always prefer to pay cash _____ food and things for my home.

22. My parents have agreed to invest some money _____ my business.

23. Alessandra got _____ debt when she bought a car.

24. I've heard that my sister-in-law Alice is extremely well _____.

25. I don't believe it! For once I'm _____ credit at the bank!

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. (5 marks)

Example: I wish I knew (know) how to save money.

26. I wish you _____ (not study) so hard at the moment.

27. It's time _____ (leave) for the airport.

28. I wish I _____ (not watch) that terrible film last night.

29. We should have _____ (book) some tickets last week. The flight is full now!

30. I hope you _____ (have) a good time at the party tomorrow.

Fill in the gaps in the conversations with these words/phrases. (3 marks)

get delay	line phone	ring run out	catch breaking up
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Example:

MIA Sorry I didn't get any of that.

JIM The line isn't very good here.

DAN Sorry Pat, you're (31) _____ a bit.

PAT Would you like me to (32) _____ you back?

TIM There's a bit of a (33) _____ on the line.

JAN Do you want me to give you a (34) _____ later?

JO Sorry, I didn't (35) _____ all of that.

WILL I said my battery's about to (36) _____.

Write these state verbs. (2 marks)

Example: include something as a necessary part: involve

37. believe that somebody is honest and will not cheat or harm you: t _____

38. wish you had somebody else's abilities, possessions, lifestyle etc.: e _____

39. know somebody because you've seen them before: r _____

40. really hate something or somebody: d _____

Tick the correct sentences. Change the incorrect ones. (2 marks)

Example: The film is set in Istanbul.

41. I wish he doesn't leave his clothes on the floor.

42. This is the worst film I ever see in my life.

43. How long have you been having your car?

44. The play is based on a story by Kate Atkinson.

III. Listening Section (15 marks)

Listen to four people talking about what they would do if they won the lottery. Choose the correct answers. (7 marks)

Speaker One

45. If he won the lottery, he would be interested in buying ...

- a. several houses in the same country.
- b. many houses or flats in a variety of places.
- c. a house in the Seychelles with a swimming pool.

46. He would also ...

- a. hire a chef to cook for him all the time.
- b. be concerned about his diet and lifestyle.
- c. open a restaurant.

Speaker Two

47. He hates ...

- a. hot weather
- b. cold English weather
- c. sailing

48. If he won the lottery, he'd ...

- a. stay in England.
- b. move to a hotter country.
- c. buy a yacht and hire people to sail him around the world.

Speaker Three

49. According to the speaker, having a lot of money ...

- a. would be fantastic
- b. would be OK
- c. would be a problem

50. She would ...

- a. buy a big house in the country.
- b. buy a big house in the city.
- c. buy a big house and live on her own.

Speaker Four

51. If he won a lot of money, he wouldn't ...

- a. pay off his family's debts.
- b. stay in the UK.
- c. invest the money in a high interest bank account.

Listen to an interview with the daughter of a Hollywood film star. Are the sentences true or false? If they are false, re-write them so that they are true. (8 marks)

- 52. Hannah watched Harrison Ford making a film once.
- 53. Hannah's mother discouraged her from becoming an actress.
- 54. Hannah looks a lot like her mother, particularly her nose which is identical to her mother's.
- 55. One day, Hannah thought she had seen her mother in a shop, but it was another person.
- 56. Acting was more important to Hannah's mother than Hannah herself.
- 57. Hannah became an accountant because she is very practical.
- 58. Hannah's mother thinks that her daughter spends a bit too much money.
- 59. Her voice is extremely loud because she had to learn to project her voice in the theatre.

IV. Writing Section (15 marks)

Question One: Write a review of a film that you've seen. Did you enjoy it? What was the cast like? The plot? etc. (Write approximately 100 words.) (7½ marks)

Question Two: Write a report for a student magazine saying what most ESPOL students like to do in their free time. (Write approximately 100 words.) (7½ marks)

V. Oral Exam (15 marks)

VI. Homework and Tests (20 marks)